

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – September 9, 2009
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165A - 2nd Floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Cox at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioners

Present:	Rogenia Cox, CHAIR Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner Louise Bauer Davoli, Commissioner Jas Singh, Commissioner Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner	Absent: Sandy Cha, Commissioner
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Staff

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Manager Housing and Community Development Erica Castaneda, Acting Recording Secretary	Absent: Keith Bergthold, Assistant Director Planning and Development Department
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B. COMMUNICATIONS

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 12, 2009 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDED PROMISSORY NOTES GIVEN BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FRESNO, INC., AND ASSUMBALE BY LOW-INCOME HOME BUYERS FOR HOME PROGRAM ASSISTED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO AFFORDABLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES ON NORTH ECHO AVENUE

Corrina Nunez, Housing and Community Development Division, provided the report to Commissioners. Ms. Nunez provided background information on the project previously approved by Council on April 30, 2009. Staff recommends an amendment to the Promissory Note to provide that upon purchase of the properties by low-income homebuyers, the current 2% interest, two-year loan will change to a zero percent interest loan, for a term of 30 years. Vice-Chair Rodriguez requested clarification regarding the amount forgiven. Ms. Nunez explained that the total amount forgiven for the two homes will be \$106,000.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Commissioner Einsidler

Second:	Vice-Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FUNDING AWARDS AND SELECTION OF SUB-GRANTEES FOR THE CITY OF FRESNO'S HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM AS FUNDED BY THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE 2009 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Gregory Barfield, Homeless Prevention and Policy Manager provided the report to Commissioners. Staff recommends approval of the eight awards of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds to the following sub-grantees: \$118,915 to Central California Legal Services, \$278,318 to AspiraNet, \$304,000 to Marjorie Mason Center, \$398,385 to WestCare, \$400,000 to Fresno County EOC, \$258,301 to Angels of Grace Foster Family Agency, \$1,050,000 to the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno for Rapid Re-Housing and \$250,000 to the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno for HMIS administration. Commissioners had questions and discussion followed. Commissioner Harrington inquired about the selection process to choose sub-grantees. Mr.

Barfield explained that a joint City/County Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing, 16 applications were reviewed by a team of City and County members. The implementation and administration of the funds is set to commence on October 1, 2009. Ms. Cox inquired about the funds used for the local 211 service. Mr. Barfield explained that County funds were set aside for the 211 call center to provide outreach for the City and County. Vice-Chair Rodriguez requested clarification regarding the funding amounts the City received initially. Mr. Barfield explained that \$72,827 will be used for City administrative costs. Claudia Cázares assisted in providing information to Commissioners.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D2 by Commissioner Singh

Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler

Noes: None

Abstain: None

3. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT AND AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO (THE "AGENCY") AND UNIWELL FRESNO HOTEL, LLC (THE "LESSEE"), FOR THE SALE OF THE UNDERLYING FEE INTEREST OF THE LAND UNDER THE RADISSON HOTEL, 2223 VENTURA STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,900,000, IN THE MERGED AREA #1 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT AREA); AND APPROVAL OF A 2009 REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF FRESNO

John Raymond, Redevelopment Agency provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Raymond provided background information on the project. In addition to the information provided in the staff report, the Radisson Hotel requested to add a purchase option for the parking garage and conference center. The transaction would involve the City of Fresno, Redevelopment Agency and Radisson Hotel. Commissioners had questions and discussion followed. Commissioners were concerned with making a recommendation without reviewing an agreement in regards to additional information made available to the Commissioners at the meeting.

Motion: Motion was made to table item D3 until September 23, 2009 by Vice-Chair Rodriguez

Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler

Noes: None

Abstain: None

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Commissioner Davoli will invite Craig Scharton to do a brief presentation on the Downtown Community Revitalization goals.

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **September 23, 2009.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Attest: Rogenia Cox, Chair

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development